Medicine in CGHS Ayurvedic Dispensaries

110. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kar Nim capsules, a medicine for treatment of diabetes, are not available in the CGHS Ayurvedic dispensaries located in Delhi;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the reasons for not supplying this medicine to the CGHS diabetic patients taking treatment through CGHS Ayurvedic dispensaries in Delhi; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure regular supply of the medicine to all the Ayurvedic dispensaries in the interest of CGHS beneficiaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) to (d) By and large, most of the listed medicines in the CGHS formulary are presently available in the CGHS dispensaries. Kar Nim capsule being a patent proprietary medicine is supplied to CGHS beneficiaries through local purchase by the concerned Chief Medical Officer incharge by placing indents with the CGHS approved chemists. Other equal therapeutic value of medicines namely "Amry Cord Powder" for diabetic patients is also supplied to the CGHS beneficiaries.

Setting up of Power Projects in U.P.

111. LT. GENERAL PRAKASH MANI TRIPATHI : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has submitted any proposal to the Union Government for setting up of Power Houses in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any power purchase agreement has been signed between the Union and State Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Kamini

112. SHRI AYYANNA PATRUDU : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the experimental Thorium based nuclear research reactor 'Kamini' is now fully operational;

(b) if so, whether its performance is satisfactory; and

(c) the details of future plans regarding nuclear power production consequent on the success of 'Kamini'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. KAMINI attained criticality in October, 1996 and is now operating satisfactorily at its full (rated) power of 30 Kilo Watt (KW-Thermal).

(c) KAMINI is a small 30 KW (thermal) research reactor, using Uranium-233 as fuel. Uranium-233 is a man-made reactor fuel obtained from Thorium. Thus, the significance of KAMINI lies in the fact that it represents a small but important step in the context of eventual utilisation of India's large Thorium reserves. As regards production of nuclear power, India's programme consists of three stages, viz, development and operation of:

(i) Uranium-235 fuelled thermal reactors [mostly Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs)] for generation of power and production of Plutonium;

(ii) Plutonium fuelled Fast Breeder Reactors (FBRs) for power generation and production of U-233 in Thorium blankets;

(iii) Uranium-233/Thorium fuelled reactors.

The first stage of the programme is successfully in operation, while the second stage is under development. The third stage can be reached only after sufficient stock of Uranium-233 is built-up from Thorium-232 used in the blankets of Fast Breeder Reactors.

National Population Policy

113. SHRI ANANT GANGARAM GEETE :
SHRI MADHUKAR SIRPOTDAR :
SHRI SURESH PRABHU :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstirred Question No. 2353 dated August 6, 1997 and state:

(a) whether the draft 'National Population Policy' has been discussed with the State Governments;